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PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents
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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Final Office Action mailed July 16, 2003, said period of response being extended from October 16, 2003 to November 16, 2003.

Our check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee.
Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully Submitted

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